



THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE
UNITED NATIONS

October 25, 1962

Excellency:

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"As we made clear in the Security Council, the existing threat was created by the secret introduction of offensive weapons into Cuba, and the answer lies in the removal of such weapons.

"In your message and your statement to the Security Council last night, you have made certain suggestions and have invited preliminary talks to determine whether satisfactory arrangements can be assured.

"Ambassador Stevenson is ready to discuss promptly these arrangements with you.

"I can assure you of our desire to reach a satisfactory and peaceful solution of this matter."

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Adlai E. Stevenson

His Excellency
U Thant,
Acting Secretary-General
of the United Nations.

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ACTION:

Following is approved text letter to Acting Secretary
General U Thant from Ambassador Adlai Stevenson:

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END INNER NOTE

Accept, etc.
UNQUOTE

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